



May newsletter



Herga winners

A number of Harrow players were present at the presentation evening to collect their winnings for being winners or runners up.

The biggest winner was Vivian Vallance who had a magnificent indoor season as can be seen for his handful of cups. Watch out for Vivian outdoors this year.



Andrew had an excellent run up until the finals. Here he can be seen as runner up in the men's pairs together with Harry Leonides (who incidentally is father in law to Mike Tawn, one of our new players). I tip Mike to do very well in HBC competitions! An interesting draw in the 1st round of the Juniors is the match between Vivian and Mike Tawn.



Prakash won 2 competitions



Some were not there for various reasons such as Mort, Pradip, Mike Keller and Dawn.

Tony Paulley accepted the prestigious Men's championship on behalf of Mort.



Kamalpreet and I came runners up in the ladies pairs improving on last year.



Captain V President match

26th April

Despite earlier indications of rain and cloud, the day dawned bright and clear. The green team were out early rolling and mowing the lawn ready for the 6 triples and 1 rink in the afternoon.



The new catering manager, Kamalpreet Loyal, ably assisted by a team including Jeanette Swaffield (the catering manager in recent years) was busy preparing a tasty ploughman's lunch.





Among the players were 4 new members.

Ian DeSouza, Mike Tawn both free transfers!

Nalin Pattni and Shailesh Patel were truly new players having had coaching from Anne Snell last year and a refresher session this year with Liz and Jeanette. Both performed very well in their first match.



Paul Wong is also back with us and keen to get involved with playing and helping the green team.

A fun afternoon was had by all as the jack length was generally kept short to ensure everyone could enjoy the day.



The President was delighted to win this year 117 to 113.

President's top rink were Jo Driver, Kamalpreet Loyal and Brian Moates.

Captain's top rink were Ian DeSouza, Janet Everatt and Mike Tawn.



The president thanked the catering team for their efforts and Peter Mitchell for manning the bar.



However Jeanette and Kamalpreet were too busy discussing the dishwasher to take note of this!



The Season now starts properly!

Date	Top rink	Catering	Bar
02/05/25	Myriam Tsang Shelagh Z Vivian Vallance	Kamalpreet Loyal Satnam Loyal Mary Warner	Liz and Peter Mitchell
09/05/25*	Dawn Allwood Anne Snell Grant Rickells	Vicki Wong Paul Wong Steve Fox	Liz & Peter Mitchell
16/05/25	Steve Fox Myriam Tsang John Southgate	Janet Everatt Eric Everatt Gavin Hampton Valerie Keller	Phil Bayley
23/05/25**	Steve Fox Alan Pulford Phil Bayley	Myriam Tsang Mick Ridsdale John Barrett	Mort Mascarenhas
30/05/25***	Jo Driver Shelagh Z Peter Lee	Dawn Allwood Jeanette Swaffield Peter Swaffield	Andrew Georgiou

**Grant announced 2 new members had joined. Rico Lee [Ka Leung Lee] (who has joined the Friday green team) and Ray Davis.

*** Grant announced a further 5 new members. Ashok Shah, Rohit Shah and Suray Shah who have also agreed to be part of the green team!

Also Lynette Costello and Charlie Townsend. The latter being a Wealdstone fc legend according to Tony Paulley, Mark Snell and Google!)

Exciting times at the club.

*Members were particularly invited to attend club night on this day to wish Ian and Pat Gibbins a sad farewell as they make their way to pastures new. We will miss them in so many ways and hope that they keep in touch and visit us as often as possible. We were away on holiday so can't report first hand on the evening but I was provided with photos from the evening. Thanks to Paul Wong and Liz Mitchell.



Enjoying a relaxing evening.



We don't want you to go!





Well done to novice caterers Vicki and Paul Wong and to Steve (not a novice!) on a busy club night.

Perhaps Ian will join a new bowls club near his new home and issue an invitation for a match against the club as Nick Woolford has done. More on the Earls Barton trip (Nick's new club) in the next newsletter.

Results

Sat 03/05/25: Friendly H to Amersham. Won 73 to 50.

Top rink: Janet Everatt, John Southgate, Barry Rudolph.

Sat 10/05/25: Friendly H to Northwood. Won 69 to 63. Won 2 rinks and lost 2.

Top rink: Sandie Parker, Mary Warner, Peter Lee.

Sun 11/05/25: Mort and Andrew played H&D pairs A at Pinner.

Lost to Rob Atak and Colin Jones.

Mon 12/05/25: Magan & John S played H&D pairs H to Uxbridge.

Lost to Atilio Campini & David Garside.

Thurs 15/05/25: Vets A H to Pinner. Won 63 to 32. 5 points.

Sat 17/05/25: MML H to Hendon. Won 53 to 38. 6 points to 4.

Tues 20/05/25: Vets A H to Century. Lost 52 shots to 54. 2 points to 3

Wed 21/05/25: Bidgood A H to Ruisip. Lost 23 to 42.

Thurs 22/05/25: Vets B. H to Lupton. Won 62 to 41 shots. 5 points.

Sun 25/05/25: C&T A to Rosedale. Won 53 to 46 shots. 8 points to 2.

Tues 27/05/25: F H to Iver Heath. Rained off.

Wed 28/05/25: Bidgood A A to Hendon: Lost 34 to 30. 3 points to 1.

Thurs 29/05/25: Vets B A to Northwood. Won 2 rinks to 1 and by 2 shots overall. 4 points to 1.

Sat 31/05/25: F H to Rickmansworth. Won 70 to 62.2 rinks each.

Top rink: Dawn Allwood, Mike Tawn, Grant Rickells.

Sun 01/06/25: F H to Harrow Weald. Drew 43 shots each.

Top rink: Marios Z, Shelagh Z, Phil Bayley.

Mon 02/06/25: F H. Won 80 to 61.

Top rink: Jo Driver, Mary Warner, Roland Pettitt.

Tues 03/06/25: Vets A A to Eastcote. Lost 51 to 42. 1 point to 3.

Wed 04/06/25: F A to North Greenford. Lost 51 to 49.

Top rink: Kamalpreet Loyal, John Southgate, Phil Bayley.

Thurs 05/06/25: Bidgood A A to Woodcock Park. Lost 30 to 40 shots.

Congratulations

Magan played H&D singles A at Ladygate. Won 21 to 17 v Bob Syme.

Mort, Brian M and Grant played H&D triples A at Ladygate. Won 22 to 20.

Dawn Allwood played in the Champion of champions. Won 21 to 12.

Brian M and Grant played in H&D pairs at Uxbridge. Won 22 to 9 v Chris Daykin & Richard Hine.

Stop press Brian and Grant won H&D pairs on 6/6/25 at Ladygate. 19 to 5. Conceded after 12 ends!

Coaching

Liz and Jeanette hit the ground running as expected. They have already done coaching of Nalin and Shiliesh who had had some coaching from Anne Snell at the end of the last season. They both played in the Captain v President match.

Liz and Jeanette then coached Hyacinth Fernandes who has now joined boosting the number of women and lowering the average age of the members!

I can't keep up with them in fact!

Open Day

What a successful open day with many members of the public having a go at the great game of lawn bowls. A number of those attending were encouraged/recruited by some of our existing members particularly Vivian Vallance, Paul and Vicki Wong, Jai and Barry M. It was so busy that no photos were taken. Jeanette and Liz will certainly be busy over the coming weeks. 15 lined up for coaching. Another 5 later on. A number of those interested showed real promise.

Green team

The green team do a fantastic job keeping our green up to such high standards. They also look after the hedges and the surrounding grass and flowers. We are so lucky to have them. We have had some new additions to the team (including the 3 Shahs [will they sing while mowing like the 3 tenors!?!])

recently and I'm sure they will enjoy the camaraderie involved as well as the opportunity to build muscle! Dawn has recently completed the chemicals course which she said was quite involved. If any member wants to get more involved please speak to one of the team who would be pleased to encourage you to join their ranks. There is a list of green team members on the notice board at the moment.



On 30th May an elite group enjoyed the silliness of a beetle drive. This is a game with no skill (unlike bowling) but considerable fun and laughter. Chaos ensues as participants attempt to move on to the correct place following each round. Thanks to Roy for running this event.



Roland Pettitt was the proud winner with Tony Paulley and Brian Moates as runners up!

Gala Day

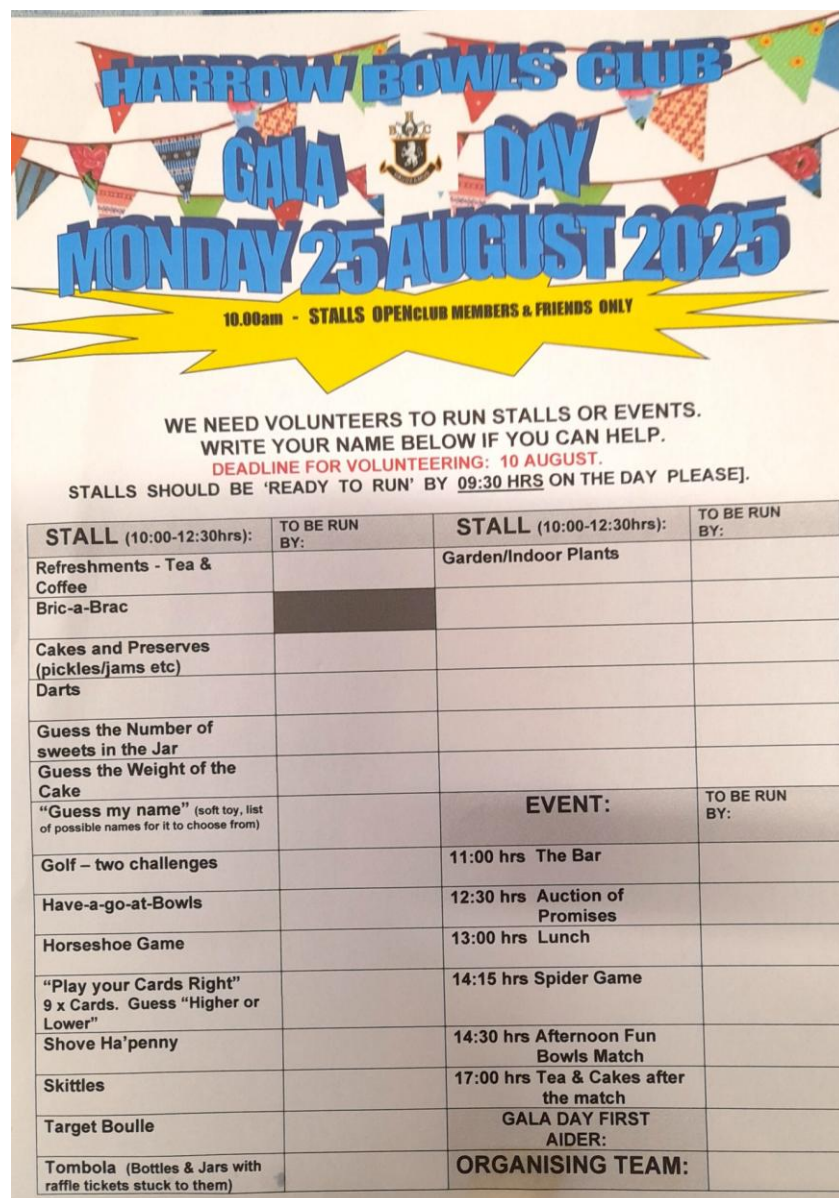
Most but not all of you will be aware that for a number of years Liz Mitchell was social secretary as well as running and stocking the bar. Jeanette was catering secretary.

They offered to take on the role of coach this year and attended an intensive training course before coaching new members with such enthusiasm. Naturally

they retired from their earlier positions although thankfully Liz agreed to carry on with the bar manager role.

Kamalpreet has stepped into the catering role with Vicki as a helper. However no one put themselves forward to run social events which have proceeded on an ad hoc basis.

There was interest shown at the AGM with continuing a scaled down gala day without the public present. However as we currently have no social secretary, we need everyone to step up and offer to run stalls. The form below was put up on 30th May so please put your names down to help by 10th August at the latest so that this fun day can go ahead. Money raised by the auction of promises keeps everyone's subs down.



HARROW BOWLS CLUB
GALA DAY
MONDAY 25 AUGUST 2025
 10.00am - STALLS OPEN CLUB MEMBERS & FRIENDS ONLY

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO RUN STALLS OR EVENTS.
 WRITE YOUR NAME BELOW IF YOU CAN HELP.
 DEADLINE FOR VOLUNTEERING: 10 AUGUST.
 STALLS SHOULD BE 'READY TO RUN' BY 09:30 HRS ON THE DAY PLEASE].

STALL (10:00-12:30hrs):	TO BE RUN BY:	STALL (10:00-12:30hrs):	TO BE RUN BY:
Refreshments - Tea & Coffee		Garden/Indoor Plants	
Bric-a-Brac			
Cakes and Preserves (pickles/jams etc)			
Darts			
Guess the Number of sweets in the Jar			
Guess the Weight of the Cake			
"Guess my name" (soft toy, list of possible names for it to choose from)		EVENT:	TO BE RUN BY:
Golf – two challenges		11:00 hrs The Bar	
Have-a-go-at-Bowls		12:30 hrs Auction of Promises	
Horseshoe Game		13:00 hrs Lunch	
"Play your Cards Right" 9 x Cards. Guess "Higher or Lower"		14:15 hrs Spider Game	
Shove Ha'penny		14:30 hrs Afternoon Fun Bowls Match	
Skittles		17:00 hrs Tea & Cakes after the match	
Target Boule		GALA DAY FIRST AIDER:	
Tombola (Bottles & Jars with raffle tickets stuck to them)		ORGANISING TEAM:	

Photo board

With so many new members this year it was suggested that we had a board with people's photos and names on it. However this could take up a lot of room. So I thought maybe a few photos in every newsletter focussing on both new members and more well established members.



Just in case it has escaped your notice!

Grant Rickells is our very hardworking club captain.



New and older members must know Liz Mitchell!

Our new coach together with Jeanette Swaffield.

In addition she stocks and runs the bar.



If you need something ironed, Terry Liddle is your man.

But you would need to lay it on the grass.

Terry irons the grass facing at 90 degrees to the direction of travel. What a man!



This is me (Shelagh Zachariades)! I write the newsletters and am competition secretary.



Nalin Pattni joined this year together with his friend



Shailesh Patel. I expect we will muddle them up. Just like Liz and Jeanette!



Paul Wong and his wife Vicki Wong joined last year and have already made their mark. Vicki is assisting with catering. Paul has joined the green team and encouraged more new members.

More on our HBC members new and old next newsletter.